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Thank you for your votes, friendship and encouragement. Let's make Liberal even better!

Deputies arrest Liberal man while he was at county commission meeting Monday

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New additional charges have been made against Jorge Almeida, who was arrested on similar charges in October 2012

by ROBERT PIRCE
• Leader & Times

Jorge Almeida was arrested while taking photographs of the Seward County Commission during its regular scheduled meeting on Monday, March 4, after officers arrested Almeida on a warrant pertaining to a charge of alleged sexual exploitation of a child. Jail documents cited a 36 year-old from the county administration building in Liberal.

The Liberal Jail book released on-hand several months ago for previous charges that he had allegedly committed in 2012 involving a minor, sexual exploitation, criminal solicitation, possessing obscenity to minors and criminal threatening. Jail records show in addition to a previous charge of indecent solicitation of a child.

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Liberal Seward early at the Seward County Activity Center when the polls opened at 7 a.m. Nov. 6, 2012, in the general election. Voters will have the opportunity to cast ballots in the March 5, 2013, Liberal Chamber of Commerce and city commissioners in order to vote of this election, which must be registered by March 22-27 (photo/File)

Voter registration open through Tuesday

by RACHEL CLEVENGER
• Leader & Times

Voters who did not make it to the polls for last week's primary election will have the opportunity to register to vote ten running out of time for their next deadline. Would-be voters have until Tuesday to register to vote.

Thanks to an increased effort by the State of Kansas and the Seward County Clerk's office, voters can now register to vote by mail or vote-register-register. Proper application forms is available from the Seward County Clerk's office located in the Seward County Administration building at 325 N. Washington, Suite 1. Forms can also be found online and on the ballot vote on the Internet. Visit www.sewardcounty.org. For information, contact the local office at 626-0125.

Voter registration closes 21 days before any election, the form notes, so those who are interested in voting in Saturday's election in the office's on before that date, which is the case of Tuesday's election.

People who want to register to vote must provide proof of U.S. citizenship. Acceptable documents include:

• Birth certificate verifying U.S. citizenship
• U.S. passport, including expired passport
• U.S. naturalization documents, or
• Tribal membership card
• Patrons of Indian Affairs card
• Indian or tribal treaty or enrollment card
• U.S. hospital record of birth indicating place of birth in the U.S.
• U.S. Department of Defense form with the applicant's name and U.S. birth place

Online access to voter registration is also available directly from the Kansas Department of Revenue as well. Online voter registration is available to Kansas driver's license or nonidentical identification card. If neither is available, the nonidentification registration paper form is necessary.

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Texas layoffs mean more workers in Liberal

National Beef recruiting skilled workers from Cargill plant layoffs in Plainview, Texas

by KEITH PRICE
• Leader & Times

Liberal's largest employer is seeking to draw in some workers following the idling of a Cargill beef processing plant in Plainview, Texas.

In a month of declining livestock supplies caused by drought, Cargill Beef Solutions announced in early January that their Plainview, Texas, plant would be shutting down and laying more than 2,000 workers out of a job.

Competition from several states have also flocked to Plainview for job fairs in the past, and Liberal has been actively looking to relocate for itself. Dave Jungen, assistant human resources director at National Beef, said the company is hoping that allowing the Texas workers to attract employees from the state located more than 250 miles away.

Cargill had about 2,000 people employed at its Texas plant, and Jungen says it does feel that little. He set up an office in Plainview and we've been recruiting out of there. Jungen said. "We're looking for a certain type of worker – that we would call a heavy-duty industrial worker."

While more than 20 employees have signed on with Liberal's plant so far, Jungen expects more will come along as

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Statewide food drive under way

by ROBERT PIRCE
• Leader & Times

About 10 years ago, one Seward County resident noticed that the food pantry produces catered 150 people. Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rod, who was a Seward County resident, to the Goodland, as a community food network launched a statewide food drive to raise funds to reduce hunger in Kansas.

Birthdays and the hopes everyone would contribute to the "Kansas Neighbors" campaign from Harvesters – the Community Food Network of Southeast Kansas.

"Now, take a minute to say thank you to the men and women who cancer-free food," he said.

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SCCC/ATS tuition, housing fees to slightly increase

• Posted by ROBERT

The Seward County Community College Board of Trustees and Area Technical School Board of Trustees unit approve rates for housing, tuition and fees and a variety of other fees.

The board of trustees approved a two-year performance agreement with the Area Technical School Board of Regents. Each Regent institution is required to have a performance agreement approved by the Board of Regents.

SCCC/ATS is in the third year of the current performance agreement and the next agreement is for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. Goals for the biennial – increasing – enrollment, career and technical education, certification, success

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High Plains

LHS Booster Club seeking entries for 2013 Country Showdown

Seward County 4-H Club is sponsoring a campout in the Liberal High School Booster Club Country Showdown next month. Entries are now being accepted at the Liberal Chamber of Commerce in the showdown competition must pay a $10 entry fee and fill out an entry form with a CD with a recorded song. The top 10 entries will be chosen to perform in the Country Showdown on March 29. From these, the Top 10 will compete in a second round before the finalists are awarded. The Top 3 winners of the contest will be given away along with the opportunity to open for the Casey Donahew Band on April 20.

Entries must be be turned in by Friday to the 102 7 No. Legend studios at 1401 N. Western Ave. For more information, contact Jim Dresner at (620) 624-2891.

ENTRIES DUE BY FRIDAY

'That' Liberal Band is hosting its 33rd annual fish fry today

The 33rd annual 'That' Liberal Band Fish Fry is scheduled from 5 to 7:30 p.m. today in the Seward County Senior Citizen Center.

Adult tickets are $7 and children's are $5 and children 6 to 12 are $4 with children 4 and younger free. The menu consists of fried fish, chicken, buttered corn, coleslaw, cheesy potatoes, hushpuppies and tartar sauce and coffee. Desserts may be purchased for $1 each.

For tickets, contact any "That" Liberal Band member or Lance Bernson at 624-1376.

TODAY

Rifle, pistol club to host ladies-only shooting event Saturday

Southwest Kansas Rifle and Pistol Club will be hosting a Girl 'N' Guns event at 1 p.m. Saturday. This is a ladies only shooting event open to any female of all ages. Firearm Safety instruction will be available at the event.

For more information, e-mail swkrifle@gmail.com, or text or call Jim at (316) 617-1495.

SATURDAY

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